

Handbook for Rockledge Park Racquet Association Members

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Purpose of the Handbook

The purpose of this Rockledge Park Racquet Association Handbook is to provide suggestions for participation on the tennis courts in both your competition and sportsmanship. The handbook is designed to help players participate in a way that expresses the spirit of the RPRA. These guidelines are offered with the best interest of the entire Association and its members.

Introduction

The Rockledge Park Racquet Association wants to be known as a place where people and sportsmanship come first, then the victories and the trophies. In many years the trophies will be put away in the dusty corners of our attic. What will remain is the memory of friends and teammates unified after a common goal, sharing the joys of victory and the disappointment of defeat. We want our reputation in the community and among our members to be that of a caring place to enjoy this great game, while having opportunities for friendly competition and vie for championships. Captains and their teams represent RPRA, and how they handle themselves will form the reputation of RPRA, which has more long-term value than the results of a match or league. Our goal is to have the reputation for great sportsmanship, fair play and a high level of tennis.

Remember tennis reveals your character – play accordingly!

Reserving Courts

Court Reservations Process

Members can request a court reservation by emailing Dawn Bray at the court reservation email address: rockledgepark6060@gmail.com, or by voicemail or TEXT to 321-345-6006. There is also a link on the website above the court reservation schedule to generate an email to request a court.

Court Reservations Rules

1. League play will always have priority (Regular matches and make-up).
2. Individual reservations can only be made a week in advance via above email.
3. An individual can only reserve a maximum of two courts per time slot.
4. If your plans change and no longer need the courts, please notify Dawn Bray.
5. Dawn Bray has the right to reassign or cancel reservations based on these rules.
6. Weekly Schedule will be posted online (<http://pindertennis.net>) under membership reservations and posted at the courts.

Care of the Facility

Putting trash in trash receptacles will help to keep our tennis facility looking nice. There is also a recycle dumpster in the breezeway, as you're walking into the facility. A tall basket near the bulletin boards is there for recycling tennis balls. We are always looking for places that would like used tennis balls. You can contact Debi Pottorff (pottorff@gmail.com) or Dawn, if you know of a place that would like used tennis balls.

Responsibilities of Players

Communication with the Captain

It is important when playing on a team to communicate with the captain (including returning emails and phone calls). If you can't participate in a match you need to contact the captain as soon as possible. It is not fair to the captain or the team to leave them in a difficult situation by not notifying the captain in a timely manner. Captaining is a volunteer job that many people do not want to take on. Those that do take on this significant responsibility to RPR and its members deserve everyone's thanks and especially cooperation. This goes a long way toward a positive team spirit and a successful team. Some helpful phrases might be:

I have not played well with that person in the past but for the sake of the team I will play with anyone.

Sure, I would love to sub at the last minute.

I will leave my schedule open, and I will be your alternate for the upcoming match in case someone cannot play at the last minute.

Being a good teammate

A good teammate is always supportive and encouraging. They are interested in building the team up and only say positive things about their teammates whether in their presence or not. A good team member keeps the goals of the team paramount. They allow teammates to have their individuality but realize everyone is contributing for the sake of the team.

Memberships

Full Year: August 1 through July 31 each year

Family \$180 per year

Individual \$130 per year

Fall Season: August through December 31

Family \$95 for season

Individual \$70 for season

Spring Season: January 1 through July 31

Family \$95 for season

Individual \$70 for season

USTA Summer Season: May 1 through July 31

Individual \$40 for season

Membership dues must be current in order to participate on a team in League Play (SCTL and/or USTA) that is based at Rockledge Park.